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SUBJECT: AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER

REF: A. BRADSHAW-HACKER O-I OCTOBER 24; B. STATE 251641

1. WE BELIEVE NEW POLISH DRAFT AGREEMENT ON AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER (ASC) INDICATES POLES ARE SERIOUS IN PLANS TO OPEN ASC. WHILE WE CANNOT SPEAK FOR INDIANA, ILLINOIS OR OTHER US UNIVERSITIES,POLISH DRAFT APPEARS TO PROVIDE GOOD BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION OF FINAL AGREEMENT. IT GIVES US SIDE MOST OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING. ONLY COMPLICATION IS ELEMENT OF RECIPROCITY WHICH MAY HOWEVER PROVE NEGOTIABLE. WE SEE NO NEED ADD PROVISION FOR US GRADUATE STUDENTS TO SERVE AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE NATIVE SPEAKERS. THIS WOULD ONLY ADD MARGINAL ACTIVITY AND INCREASE COST OF AN INCREASINGLY EXPENSIVE PROJECT, AND IN ENGLISH TEACHING WHERE DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY FUNDING A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN POLAND. IT WOULD ALSO GIVE POLES OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST RECIPROCITY FOR POLISH NATIVE SPEAKERS IN THE US, AGAIN ADDING TO THE COST. THE POLISH DRAFT AGREEMENT SEEMS BROAD AND FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THIS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, SHOULD THEY BE

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DESIRABLE AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

2. AS PROMISED REF A, REQUEST REPLY SOONEST TO REFTTEL FOR INFO GEORGE WILSON PRIOR TO UPCOMING MUCIA MEETING ON NOVEMBER 10.

3. DEPARTMENT LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS AGREE THAT USE OF WORD "PROBLEMATYKI" IN POLISH TEXT MEANS ISSUES.

4. WE FEEL NAMING SPECIFIC FIELDS US PROFESSORS IN AGREEMENT MAY DEPRIVE US FLEXIBILITY AND BELIEVE FIELDS BEST LEFT UNMENTIONED OR PLACED IN BROADER TERMS, E.G. SPECIALIST ON THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE.

5. SUGGEST PARA 5 WORD "POLISH" MIGHT BE DROPPED FOR LATER FLEXIBILITY. KISSINGER

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